

In the Claims:

1. (currently amended) Apparatus for retaining a filter cloth on a frame member, said apparatus comprising

an edge strip member for connection to a filter cloth edge region, the edge strip member having an elongate body extending therealong, ~~characterised in that said body has means for engaging a complementary part of a frame member~~

a complementary part on said frame member configured and arranged to engage said elongate body,

and

pressure exerting means for pressing said elongate body into engagement with said complementary part, whereby the pressure exerting means is separate from the elongate body,

wherein said edge strip member is formed from a material selected from the group consisting of: flexible rubber, synthetic rubber, and plastic with rubber-like properties, and

wherein said edge strip member receives said filter cloth edge region between two flaps and is secured between said flaps by a method selected from the group consisting of: stitching, welding, adhering, and extruding onto said edge strip member.

2-3. (withdrawn)

4. (previously presented) Apparatus according to claim 1 characterised in that the pressure exerting means is adapted to act as a wedging member inserted with the elongate body within a channel formed in the frame member to push the body into engagement under pressure with one or both opposite sides of the channel.

5. (previously presented) Apparatus according to claim 1 characterised in that the pressure exerting means is removably mounted to provide a channel wall opposite to the

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complementary part.

6. (withdrawn)

7. (currently amended) Apparatus according to claim 1 characterised in that the pressure exerting means is ~~of a similar material to the edge strip~~ formed from the same material as said edge strip member.

8. (original) Apparatus according to claim 7 wherein the pressure exerting means is of a different hardness to the edge strip.

9-22. (withdrawn)